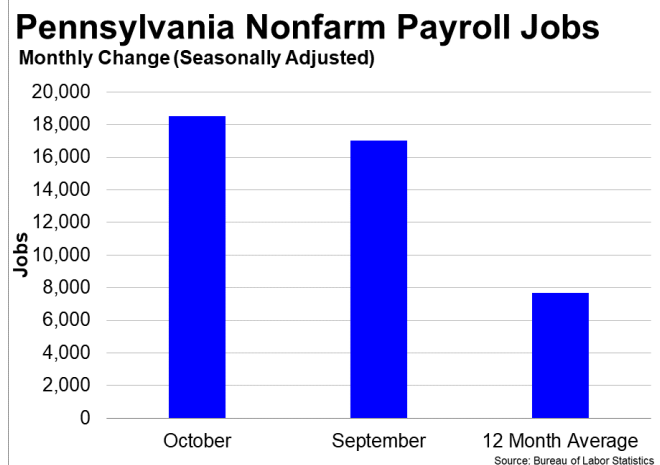
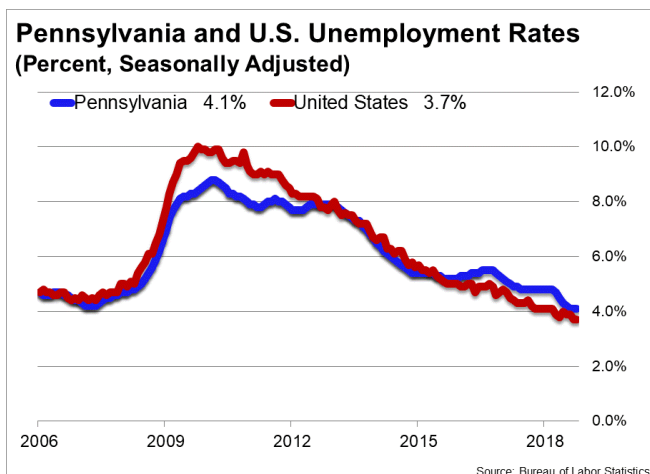


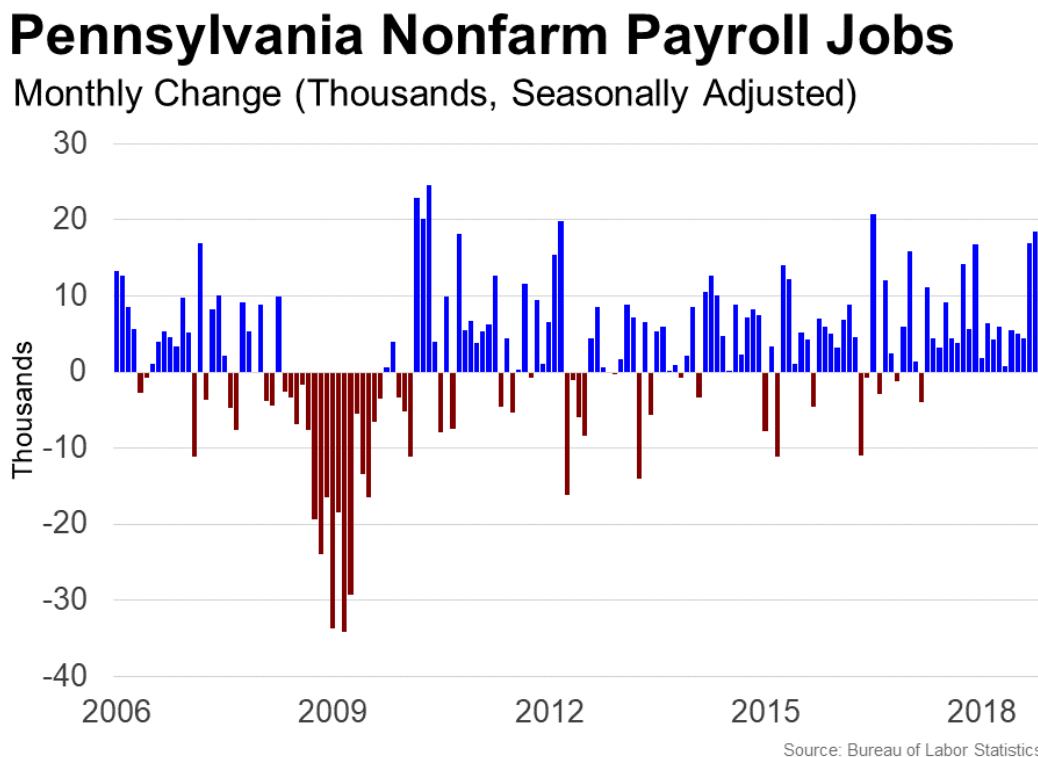


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## Summary

- **Pennsylvania added 18,500 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Pennsylvania added 92,300 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.7 percentage point from 4.8 percent.
- **In October, Pennsylvania's private sector added 19,000 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 92,300 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Pennsylvanians rose by 3,142 in October**, and over the past year 45,343 Pennsylvanians found jobs.
- Pennsylvania's **labor force participation rate increased to 62.4 percent** from 62.2 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate fell 0.1 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.





## **Pennsylvania Payroll Employment**

Pennsylvania added 18,500 jobs, or 0.31 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Pennsylvania added 17,000 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Pennsylvania increased by 92,300, or 1.55 percent. Pennsylvania nonfarm payroll employment has increased in each of the past 12 months.

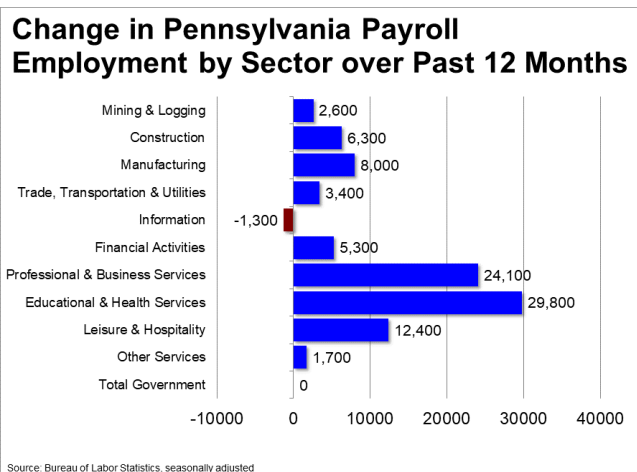
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Pennsylvania ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Pennsylvania's private-sector added 19,000 jobs, or 0.36 percent. The private-sector in Pennsylvania added 20,600 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Pennsylvania increased by 92,300, or 1.75 percent. Pennsylvania private-sector payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Pennsylvania ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Educational & Health Services (+5,900) and Professional & Business Services (+5,000). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Other Services (-1,000), Information (-500), and Total Government (-500).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Educational & Health Services (+29,800) and Professional & Business Services (+24,100). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Information (-1,300) and Total Government (unchanged).



## Pennsylvania Labor Force Statistics

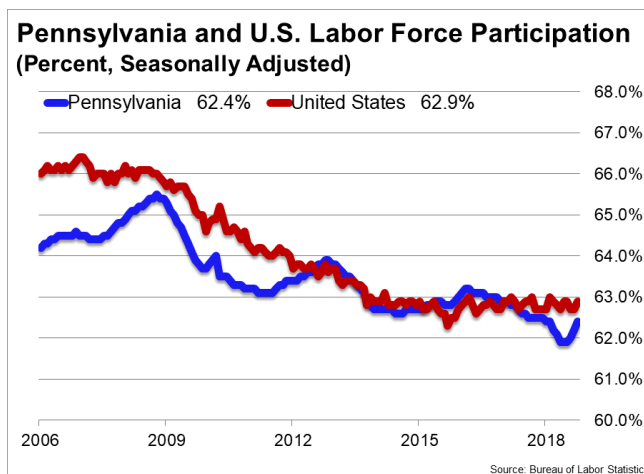
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in Pennsylvania rose to 62.4 percent in October from 62.2 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 31 have a higher labor force participation rate than Pennsylvania. The labor force participation rate in Pennsylvania is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Pennsylvania was 65.4 percent in December 2008. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Pennsylvania occurred in October 2008 when the labor force participation rate hit 65.5 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 61.9 percent in July 2018. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in March 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 58.1 percent. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Pennsylvania civilian



noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 59.8 percent in October from 59.6 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 29 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Pennsylvania. The employment-to-population ratio in Pennsylvania is 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Pennsylvania was 61.4 percent in November 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Pennsylvania occurred in March 2001 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 62.1 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 58.0 percent in April 2010. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1983 when the employment-to-population ratio was 52.1 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

